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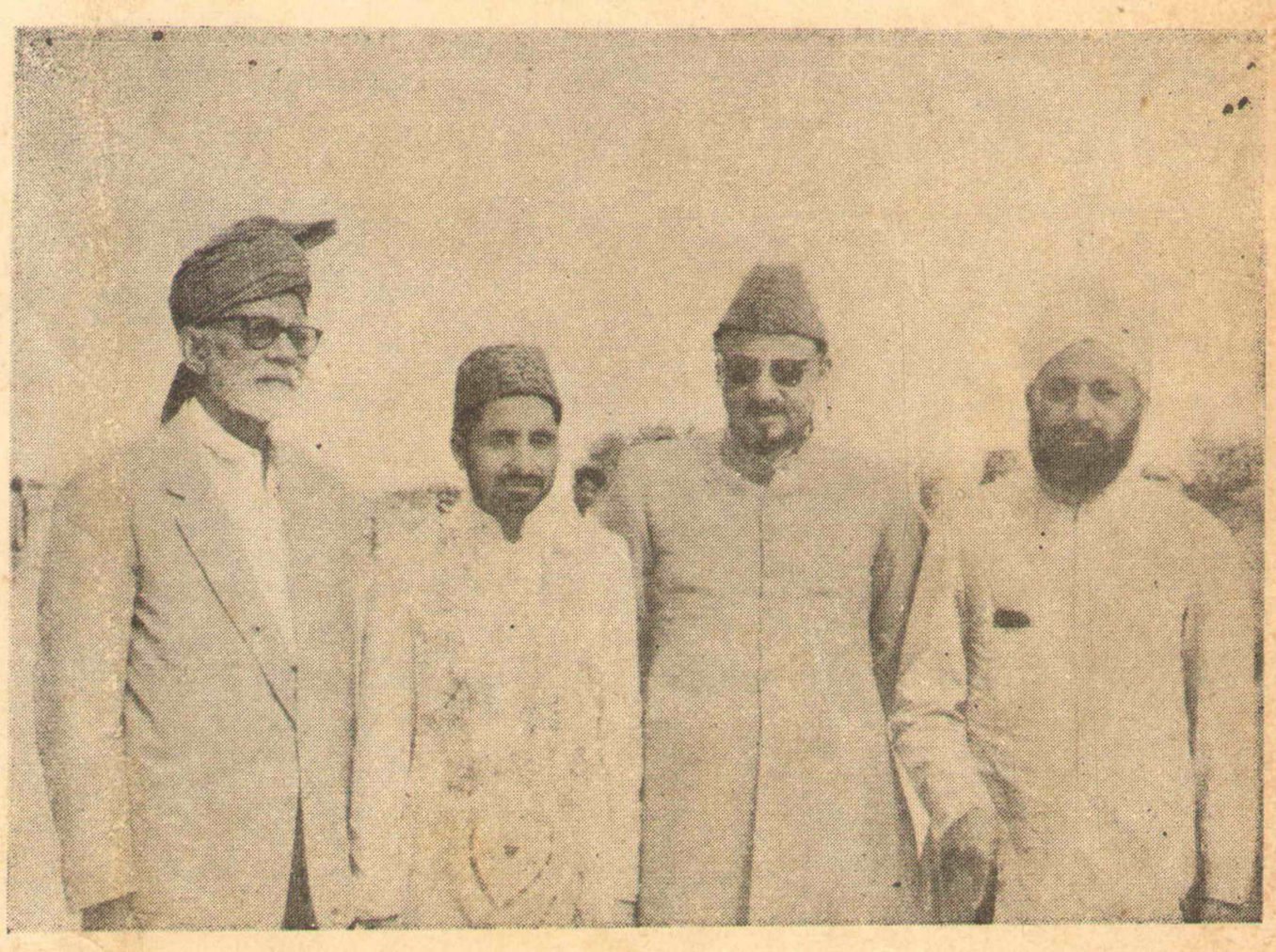

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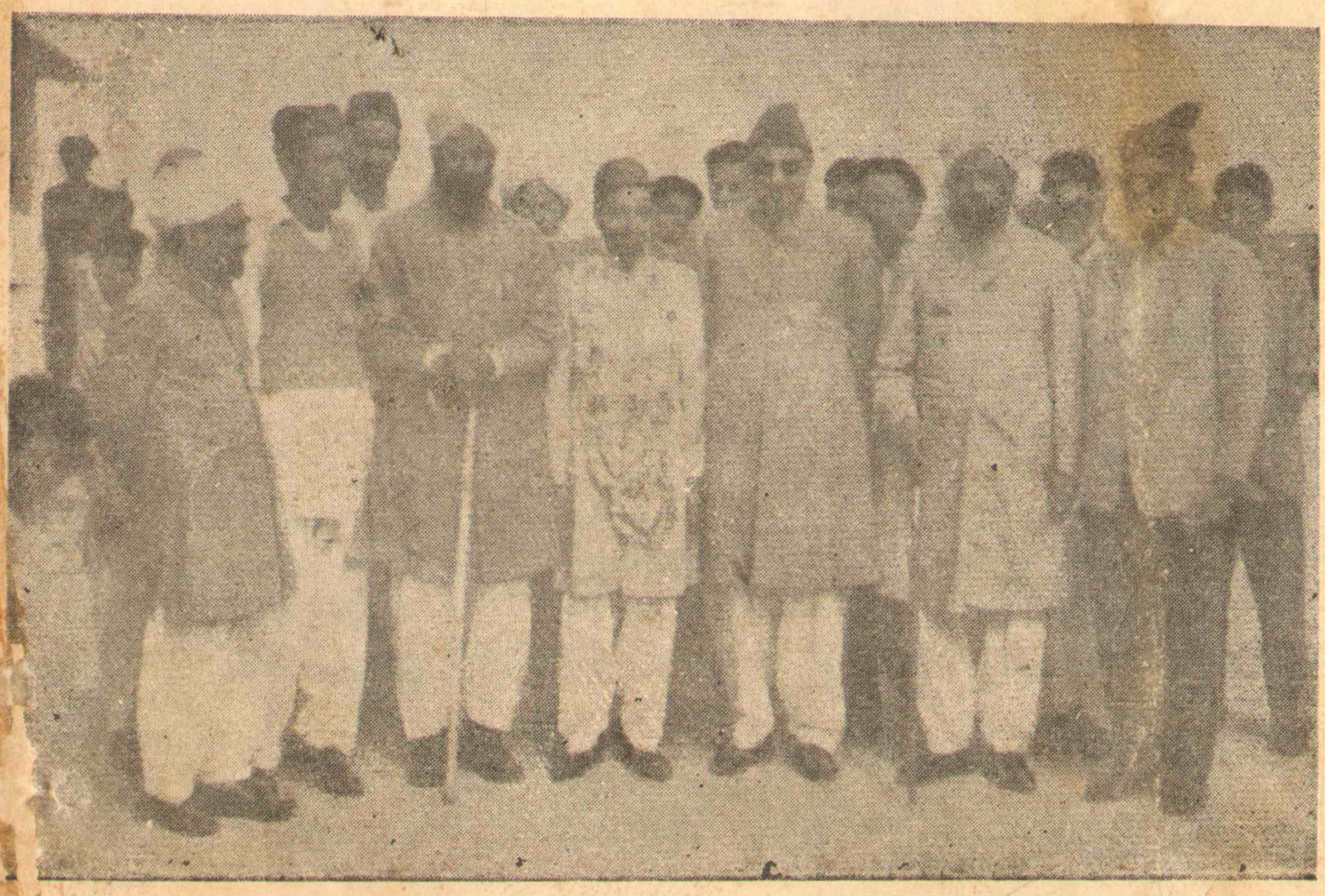

Mr. M. D. Ahmad M.A. (garlanded) was seen off at the Railway station, Rabwah by a large number of people. He is a Missionary of Islam in East Africa.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

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Islam and Sword

The *Daily Nation* (Kenya) in its Wednesday Magazine published an illustrated article entitled "What does it mean to be a Muslim in 1966" and in it the writer of the article said inter alia, "Islam began as a warrior religion, promising paradise to every man killed fighting for the faith, and Abu Bakr and his successor Omar, were military geniuses who led the zealous Arabs out to conquer the world for Islam."

As everybody knows this is the worn out charge that the opponents of Islam have always levied against Islam in order to throw dust in the eyes of those who would like to make a comparative study of this noble religion. Our Secretary of the East African Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission——Mr. A.S. Bhatti——refuted this charge through a letter in which he stated as follows :

It may be noted that a Muslim's sentiments of affection and esteem for the Holy Prophet are so deep and emotional that he is prepared to sacrifice his own life and the lives of his dearest ones, if need be, to vindicate the honour of his spiritual Master.

You have a large number of Muslim readers. I hope that for decency's sake you will take care that their feelings are not hurt by your paper in future in that manner.

Your article, too, if I may be pardoned, contains a lot of misstatements about Islam and its peaceful teachings. You have called it, for instance, a "warrior religion" which allegation has been exposed times out of number and admitted as unfounded by a large number of eminent Western intellectuals and students of history. I would like to quote one of them as follows :

"In his book, *Religions of man*, Houston Smith writes :

"As early as 1773 Goethe wrote a poem in which he compared Muhammad to a stream which moves forward always increasing, carrying brothers with him to the Eternal Father. Today Islam is spreading not only in Africa and South-East Asia, but even to some extent in China, England and the United States. Some claim it to be the fastest growing religion in the world..... In some areas where Islam and Christinity are competing for converts, Islam is gaining at a rate of ten to one.

"Islam has never needed sword to spread. It has no sword in its possession now and still it is gaining converts at the rate of 10 to 1."

The Living God

The Christians having presented a human being as the God who redeemed the world of sin, have now arrived at the conclusion that their God is dead. There is no doubt about it that he whom they took to be God is dead. But 'God is dead' movement can mislead the people and therefore Mr. Abdul Hamid, the Imam of the Dayton Mosque (U. S. A.) wrote to the Dayton Daily News :

"Let the Christian world know that God is not dead. He is still living as He was living before. He still speaks as He spoke before. In our age He revealed Himself to Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. He spoke to him in the same way

as He spoke to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Mohammad..... He made hund—reds and thousands of prophecies. Most of them have come to pass as foretold. Many of them are still awaiting fulfilment."

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God is indeed living and Hazrat Ahmad, peace be upon him, is the most glaring manifestation of His in this age of ours.

Bishop's Search for God

Mr. B. A. Rafique, Imam of the London Mosque, says in his letter dated April 13, 1966 that a revolution is taking place in Christian beliefs. To support this, he has sent us clippings of two magazines.....LOOK and WOMAN'S MIRROR.

The LOOK has published an article "An American Bishop's search for a Space-Age God." The writer of the article is Christopher S. Wren. In this article Wren quotes Bishop Pike as saying "The real Christ is not a revived corpse."

A few more lines from the article :

"The Trinity—the concept of God as Father, Son and Holy Ghost—is misleading, says Bishop Pike."

"Whatever one can affirm of the Trinity, one can affirm of God. The things we say of the Holy Ghost in our creed, the Old Testament says : 'Thus spake the Lord God'. One does not want to lose sight of the prophetic in speaking of the Lord God."

"Bishop Pike argues that the Trinity, set forth by Greek influenced Christians of the fourth century becomes confused with polytheism. He quips : "The Muslims offer one God and three wives ; we offer three Gods and one wife. No wonder Christianty is losing in Africa."

"Man's anxiety about God has taken a radical new tack. The Rev. Canon Hugh Montefiore, Vicar of Great St. of Mary's Church where Bishop Pike attends in Cambridge, says : 'The old theology starts with the divinity of Christ and tries to explain how God became man. The new theology starts with the only indisputable fact—that Christ was man—and tries to show how God acted through Him uniquely."

Indeed there is a revolution taking place in the Christian beliefs.

Fazle Umar Foundation

Addressing the delegates of the Ahmadiyya Communities assembled for the Majlis Shoora, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III said that he would like the members of the Jamaat to send their promises and make payments for the Fazle Umar Foundation as early as they possible can. The promised amounts have to be paid up in three years and that means that at least one third of the promise should be remitted to the Foundation without any delay. Of course that does not mean that those who can pay the whole amount at once should also pay it instalmentally. The earlier the payment is made the better.

It will be of interest to note that Hazrat himself promised to pay Rs. 10,000, one third of which he has already paid.

The main object of the Foundation can be summed up as doing everything that will help Islam. That, in other words, is the fulfilment of the advent of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him.

The President of Tahrik-i-Jadid——Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad—has already sent out an appeal to all the members of the Missions in Foreign countries and it is hoped that everybody is doing all he can to make it a huge success.

Translation :
Writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him)

Triumph of Islam

(فتح اسلام)

(Continued from the last issue)

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I have been sent like that person who was sent after Kaleemullah—the Man of God—and whose soul was lifted to the heavens after great tribulations in the reign of Herods. So, when the second Kaleemullah who, as a matter of fact, was the first and the chief of the Prophets, came to subdue the other Pharoahs, and about whom God says : "Verily We have sent to you a Messenger who is a witness over you as We sent a Messenger to Pharoah," then he also who, was the like of Kaleem the First, (and he was actually greater than the First Kaleem) was promised the like of a Messiah. That likeness of the Messiah, the son of Mary, came down, as if from the sky, at a time which was like that of the time of the Messiah and almost at the same distance of time as the first Messiah was from Kalaem the First i.e. in the fourteenth century. This coming down of his was in a spiritual sense, just as perfect people, after their ascension, descend to reform the world. It is particularly noteworthy that he 'descended' in the times like those of the of Messiah, the son of Mary., so that it may become sign for those who are willing to understand (marginal note—to be translated later on).

That is why it is very essential that nobody should be in a haste to reject him lest he prove himself as one of those who take a stand against God. The worldly people who are groping in the darkness of their thoughts and who stick to traditionalism will not accept him, but the days are near when they will realise their mistake. "A Warner came the world, but the world did not accept him ; God however will accept him and make his truthfulness manifest through mighty onslaughts." These are not the words of a human being ; it is a revelation from God the Almighty and the words of the Great Sustainer I am full of certianty that the days of those onslaughts are at had but these onslaughts will not be effected with swords or daggers or guns, rather the succour of God will come with the spiritual armaments and a great battle will be fought against the Jews. Who are they (the Jews)? They are the people of this age who instead of caring for the real interpretation of things stick to their superficial meaning and in this they have followed the footsteps of the Jews. All such people will be cut into two by the heavenly sword of God and the traits of Jews will be effaced. Everyone who seeks to hide the truth and is a great deceiver, worshipper of this world, one-eyed, whose eye for religion is sightless, will be slain with the sword of the conclusive proofs and the truth will triumph and Islam will once again be refreshed and its brightness will shine as it did in the days gone by. This sun will once again rise in full effulgence, as it has risen once before. But not immediately. It is destined that the heavens should hold it back from rising till we have put up all the struggle that we can and till we have sacrificed our comforts for it and have accepted every kind of humility for the sake of its honour.

The revival of Islam demands a sacrifice (ransom) and what is that

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A Message
from
Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III

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Following is the text of a Message that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III has sent to the members of the Community (Pakistanis) at Glasgow (U.K.)

"My dear sisters, children and brethren! God is the Provider and we can observe the manifestation of His being a Provider in all the parts of the world. Had He willed it so, He would have provided for you in your own country but under His will you people chose England ...and especially that town in England i. e. Glasgow, and God arranged for your provision (means of sustenance) at a place which is the stronghold of Christianity.

"It is now something to be pondered over as to why God had collected some Ahmadis there. And if we do some real thinking on this subject we would come to the conclusion that God who is One and only One desires for you to re-establish His Oneness in this home of trinity.....and that you should extol His greatness and grandeur. Although you cannot say Allaho Akbar loudly over the loudspeaker but when you meet the people you should draw their attention to the greatness of God and you should show it through the practical side of your life.

"If you will try to establish the Oneness of God in that country (U.K) God will shower His blessings on you in this world as well as in the next world and He will also bless your wealth and lives.

May God enable you to absorb His blessings. Amen."

Editor's note : Although the message is addressed to the Pakistani members of the Glasgow Community, we think every Ahmadi who is living in a foreign land where Christianity holds sway and Trinity rules supreme, may take this message to heart and act accordingly.

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sacrifice? That we should lay down our lives for it. It is this very death on which depend the life of Islam, the life of the Muslims and the manifestation of the living God. And in fact it is this very thing that is in other words, known as Islam. It is this Islam that God now desires to revive. In order to achieve this great objective it was but essen ial that He should have set up an effective machi.ery Himself. And He has really done that by sending me to reform the world. He has divided this work of drawing the people towards the truth and of spreading Islam into many sections.

(*to be continued*)

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Rabwah Diary

Khutbas

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, inaugurated the Third Section of the Tahrik-i-Jadid on the 22nd of April in his Friday Sermon. This Section, he said was to enable those who had grown up to the age of earning their livelihood since the inauguration of the Second Section, or who had joined the Community since then.

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This Section starts from November 1965 so that it can be attributed to the Second Khilafat, for it would have been actually inaugurated some years ago, but for sickness of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II.

Hazrat called upon all those who are expected to participate in this section to do so without any delay - and with great pleasure. He also remarked that those who had already promised to pay towards the Funds of the Tahrik-i-Jadid, since November, 1965 would be transferred to this Section.

In his Friday Sermon delivered on the 29th of April, Hazrat Amirul Momineen Khalifatul Masih III drew the attention of the Community to the fact that pride has always been the cause of the downfall of the people. Contrary to that, humility and meekness have always borne the most pleasant results. In this respect he read out extracts of the writings of the Promised Messiah and also commented on some of the verses of the Holy Quran.

He advised the members of the Community to shun pride and be humble and meek.

On Friday the 7th of May, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, thanked God, in his Sermon, for His grace in allowing the community not only to meet the required Budget but even to exceed it. He said that it was on the 8th of April that he had appealed to the members of the Community to pay up their contributions at their earliest so that the year should not close with a deficit. On the 5th of May, he said, contributions had already exceeded the target. Hazrat expressed his great pleasure at this state of affairs.

Part—Time Preachers

Although the Ahmadiyya Community has an organised system of preaching the message of Islam as expounded by Hazrat Ahmad, peace be on him, it is the duty of every Ahmadi to do as much as he possibly can in this respect. To give more impetus to this kind of preaching, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih has called upon the members of the Community to dedicate two to six weeks and go out of their home towns for preaching under a planned programme. Such persons as take upon themselves to do so have to bear all the expenses of their travel, food and lodging.

The first batch consisting of two persons—Mr. Mohammad Ibrahim and Qureshi Fazl Haque—have already left. We wish them the best of luck in this blessed adventure.

Another Mosque in Europe

After London, Hague, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Zurich and Southall, it was

the turn of Copenhagen (Denmark) — and on the 6th of May, 1966, Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakil-i-A'la, laid the Foundation Stone of a Mosque there. Present at the ceremony were a large number of representatives of various Muslim countries as well as non-Muslim States.

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The mosque is to be built with the donations entirely from the members of the Lajna Imaullah all over the world. It will be recalled that it was decided at the Women's Annual Gathering (1964) that in order to express gratitude to God for having granted fifty years of Khilafat to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II the Lajna Imaullah should build another mosque in Europe—the first they built was in London and the second in Hague.

At Rabwah, the Lajna Imaullah held a Prayer meeting on the day of laying of the Foundation Stone. The President of the Lajna—Hazrat Sayeda Maryam Siddiqa—addressed the gathering. In her speech, she first thanked God for having afforded them this grand opportunity and then prayed to God that this mosque may become a source of the light of Islam for all and sundry and that it help in the fulfilment of the object of the advent of the Promised Messiah.

Before closing her speech the President drew the attention of the members of the Lajna to the Wasiyyat scheme in which she said everybody should participate.

A Guest Speaks

Dr Lal Din, President of the Ahmadiyya Community, Uganda, paid a brief visit to Rabwah during the month of May. Hazrat Khalifa tul Masih, one day asked him, after the Maghrib Prayer, (at the Masjid Mubarak) to address the people in the mosque and let them know how the Mission was progressing in his country. The Doctor spoke for about half an hour and related the story of the activities of the Missionaries and the members of the Jamaat. He talked of the preaching campaigns, building mosques and schools and personal contacts which result in bringing the high and low nearer the Jamaat.

After his address, Hazrat also addressed the audience for almost half an hour. He laid stress on the preparation of more Missionaries and effective campaigns in the interior of the African countries so that the loca pagans and christians could be conver ted to Islam at a greater speed. This-pleasant sitting ended with a long silent prayer.

To Our Readers

Everybody is anxiors to know what the Ahmadiyya Community is doing to help Islam in various parts of the world.

The monthly Tahrik-i-Jadid is one of the media through which we can keep the world informed of our activities in this field.

We are trying to reach as many people as we possibly can. Your help is needed. Send us the addresses of the people to whom you think this magazine must be presented, and please for every address that you send us, you should also send us Rs. 1.50 or five shillings. The addressees will be getting the *Tahrik-i-Jadid* for full one year.

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EUROPEAN MISSIONS NEWS

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Spain :

Literature as usual continued to be sent to prominent people. A professor of Islamic Institute at Tarasa requested for a copy of the translation of the Holy Quran which was sent. Mr. Zafar tried to reclaim a Morrocan who had been baptisted as Christian and who confided to him that in his heart he was still a Muslim. Two Ahmadi families of Mauritius visited Madrid; they were introduced to Spanish Muslims. One person accepted Islam, Alhamdulillah.

Holland :

Imam Q. U. Hafiz addressed Inter-religious Conference, University students at Nijen Rode Catholic church at Alkmaar and Salvation army centre at Dordrecht, performed opening ceremony of Morrocon Centre and attended a farewell party of the Rector of the Institute of Social Studies and called on an ex-Minister, whom he presented "Life of Mohammed"' Prof. Dr. Houber attacked Ahmadiyyat as heretic; he was answered by a Catholic paper declaring it the spearhead of Islam. A Dutch translation of Dr. K. Bernas book "Jesus did not die on the Cross" created a sensation. The Imam helped a student of Leiden University in his thesis on Ahmadiyyat.

West Germany :

Imam A, Latif delivered speeches in an Adults School at Neumunster, Mosque and at a Church. Discussion followed on each occasion and literature was distributed. A weekly, Welt am Sonntag" published his interview along with his photo. He gave Yeassarnalquran lessons twice a week to a new Ahmadi. He also attended Pakistan Day meeting. Imam F. I. Anwari received a group of 20 boy scouts, gave information, answered questions and presented literature to them. He addressed two meetings of Jama'at on important matters, attended Pakistan Day meeting and had discussion with 2 Christian priests at Marktbreit. A German lady accepted Islam and a Pakistani also joined the Movement. Alhamdulillah.

Scandinavia :

Mr. A. R. Khan aud Mr. Mahmud S. Eriksson delivered a lecture each and Mr. Madsen addressed Students, teachers, soldiers and Baptist Churches. Mr. Madsen also wrote two chapters for his doctorate thesis on Ahmadiyya theology. Mr. N. A. Bolstad was asked to write a booklet on Hadith this summer, had discussion with fellow students and wrote to all the members. Imam Kamal Yusuf was kept occudied by the Mosque affairs.

Switzerland :

On the first of the month, 13 nurses of Balgrist Hospital and two weeks later a group of 22 from protestant church Wallisellen visited, the mission; discussions on both occasions were led by Mr. A. R. Vogel, with the Imam only occasionally intervening; guests were entertained. A. class of Realschule visited, discussion centered on the sonship of Jesus. Literature was presented on all these occasions. Besides Arabic class one of which was taken by Mr. M. A Cheema on short visit to Zurich, 2 Ahmadis were thrice given Yassarnalquran lessons; class held twice. Dogru Yol, a Turkish paper published a picture of the Mahmud Mosque along with an appreciatory note.